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MEETING OF PRES. CARTER AND PRESS EANES AT NATO CONFERENCE

1. PORTUGUESE PRESS GAVE OUTSTANDING PLAY TO MEETING OF
PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT EANES AT NATO SUMMIT CONFERENCE
IN LONDON. TONE OF MOST ARTICLES WAS UPBEAT AND OVERWHELMINGLY
FAVORABLE. PRESS FOCUSED LARGELY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S
EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET REGULARLY WITH PRES. EANES TO
STRENGTHEN BONDS OF U.S.-PORTUGUESE FRIENDSHIP AND HIS
APPRECIATION OF PORTUGUESE EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY
IN PORTUGAL. FRONT AND INTERNATIONAL PAGE TREATMENT WAS GIVEN
TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MENTION OF INCREASING SOVIET MILITARY
THREAT IN EUROPE, TO U.S. AS LOYAL ALLY FAITHFUL
TO ITS COMMITMENTS AND TO DISCUSSIONS OF FURTHER
ECONOMIC AID AND MILITARY COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL.
ARTICLES HIGHLIGHTED PRESIDENT EANES' EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY
WITH WESTERN VALUES AND THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" (5/11) QUOTED EANES
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AS SAYING: "THE COHESION AND SOLIDARITY THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE
IN THE ALLIANCE DEPEND ON OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE PREVAIL AND
INTERNATIONALLY WIDEN THE ASPIRATIONS OF FREE AND
DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES..." "O DIA" (5/11) "REPORTED
HIS STATEMENT IN SUB-HEADLINE: "OUR COMMON VALUES
AND OBJECTIVES CANNOT HELP BUT INFLUENCE THE FORMS
OF MUTUAL AID AND HARMONY OF OUR POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

LIFE." "O DIARIO" (5/11) CARRIED ALVARO CUNHAL'S STATEMENTS FROM MAY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH THE PCP LEADER REAFFIRMED PORTUGAL'S DEPARTURE FROM NATO AS A PCP OBJECTIVE AND COMMENTED THAT PRESENCE OF PRES. EANES AT NATO MEETING WAS "NATURAL" AND WAS PROOF OF EANES' INCREASING ACTIVITY IN PORTUGUESE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLITICS

2. SAMPLE HEADLINES FOLLOW: (5/11) "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS": "EANES STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF LISBON-AZORES-MADEIRA TRIANGLE AT NATO MEETING"; "JIMMY CARTER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO GOP PRESIDENT FOR EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL"; "WARSAW PACT TROOPS EXCEED DEFENSE NEEDS"; "O DIA" "EANES MET CARTER"; "U.S. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET REGULARLY WITH PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT TO STRENGTHEN BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP; "SOVIET MILITARY THREAT IS INCREASING IN EUROPE"; "JORNAL NOVO": "EANES ASKS NATO COUNTRIES FOR ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL IN VIEW OF COMMON INTERESTS" "NATO MUST BE STRENGTHENED BECAUSE OF SOVIET THREAT"; "A CAPITAL": "LET'S NOT FORGET THE NECESSITY OF SEEKING DETENT"; "EANES MEETS CARTER"; "A LUTA/: "NATO IS STILL THE BEST GUARANTEE OF SECURITY TODAY;" BIG LOAN AND NATO COOPERATION DISCUSSED IN EANES-CARTER MEETING". "DIARIO POPULAR": "IMPORTANT STEPS ARE EXPECTED TO ASSURE US THE AID WE NEED:" EANES MEETS CARTER TODAY;" "DIARIO DE LISBOA": "JIMME CARTER MIXED PEACE WITH ARMS IN HIS TALK;" "EANES IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN POLICY"; "O DIARIO": "EANES DEFINES PORTUGAL'S POSITION IN NATO".

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3. MEETING OF VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN LISBON. PRESS CARRIED ITINERARY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP BASED ON WASHINGTON PRESS RELEASE, NOTING THAT THEIR LISBON MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE VICE-PRESIDENT MEETS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER IN VIENNA.

4. VISIT OF U.S. CARDINAL MEDEIROS. ALL MEDIA PROMINENTLY REPORTED MAY 10 ARRIVAL OF CARDINAL MEDEIROS IN LISBON AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE POPE TO ATTEND PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA INCLUDING COVERAGE OF MILITARY HONORS ACCORDED TO HIM BY THE NATIONAL GUARD AT THE AIRPORT. JORDAN

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